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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2453

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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 2

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; MACV FOR COMMAND CENTER AND J3-08; 7/13 AF,
432 TRW AND 56 SOW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - DURING TWO- DAY PERIOD 31 MARCH THROUGH 1 APRIL, GROUND AND AIR ACTION WAS UNUSUALLY LOW, WITH ONE MAJOR AND EIGHT MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED. RLAF FLEW 20 T-28/ AC-47 SORTIES. NO ARTILLERY EXPENDITURES REPORTED EITHER 29 OR 30 MARCH. TWO PL RALLIED IN MR IV ON 27 MARCH. POLITICAL - PRIMIN RETURNED FROM LUANG PRABANG MORNING APRIL 2. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE:

A. MR I: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTIVITY REPORTED. LATE REPORT FROM 24 MARCH, HOWEVER, NOTES MINOR ARMED ATTACK AGAINST GOVERNMENT POSITION 32 KM NORTH OF BAN HOU EI SAI (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW SIX T-28 SORTIES AGAINST AGENT- REPORTED ENEMY TROOPS EAST/ NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG ON 31 MARCH (NO VISIBLE RESULTS).

B. MR II: THREE MINOR CLASHES, ALL ENEMY- INITIATED, OCCURRED 31 MARCH: TWO INCIDENTS 12 KM NORTHEAST OF PA DONG (TWO ENEMY KIA, ONE FRIENDLY WIA); ONE 10 KM SOUTH OF MUONG DECHA (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW ELEVEN T-28 SORTIES, 31 MARCH, AGAINST SUSPECTED ENEMY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS; NONE ON 1 APRIL.

C. MR III: THREE MINOR RELATED INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE 31 MARCH THROUGH 1 APRIL IN AREA 25 KM SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK. FIRST WAS SHORT FIREFIGHT RESULTING IN TWO ENEMY KIA AND TWO ESTIMATED WIA. CONTACT WAS FOLLOWED BY THREE SEPARATE ENEMY MORTAR BARRAGES (NO CASUALTIES). THE THIRD CONSISTING OF 100 ROUNDS 82 MM MORTAR FIRE AIMED AT FAR POSITION (VE 8022).

D. MR IV: ONLY TWO VERY MINOR SHELLINGS OCCURRED: ONE , 31 MARCH 37 KM NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, AND THE OTHER, 1 APRIL NEAR SOUKHOUMA (NO CASUALTIES). ON 27 MARCH, TWO PL RALLIED TO RLG AT SOUKHOUMA. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

E. MR V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED, ALTHOUGH RLAF FLEW TWO 5-28 SORTIES AND ONE AC-47 SORTIE ON 1 APRIL; LATTER WAS REPORTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT, WHILE FORMER STRUCK AND DESTROYED TWO ENEMY RAFTS.

F. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED EIGHT ADDITIONAL CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL TO 341 AS OF MORNING
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30 MARCH. (COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY
BOTH
SIDES SHOWS 75 MAJOR AND 454 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH MARCH 29.
END COMMENT)

2. SECTION II- POLITICAL SITUATION
ON MORNING OF APRIL 2, THE PRIMIN RETURNED FROM TWO- DAY VISIT TO
LUANG PRABANG. FOUR RLG AND LPF NEGOTIATORS MET PRIVATELY
MORNING APRIL 2.
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